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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT--PARA TWO)

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR SALT SOPN UR US  
SUBJECT: USA INSTITUTE CLAIMS BEECHER SALT INTERVIEW "OFF THE RECORD"

REF: (A) MOSCOW 6480 (NOTAL), (B) MOSCOW 6329 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: USA INSTITUTE (IUSAC) SAYS WILLIAM BEECHER'S  
SALT CONVERSATION AT THE INSTITUTE MAY 4 WAS INTENDED TO  
BE AN OFF-THE-RECORD CONVERSATION. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, NOT  
REFUTING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE STORY. END SUMMARY.

1. OFFICIALS AT THE USA INSTITUTE TOLD VISITING AMERICAN  
LECTURER ALTON FRYE MAY 11 THAT THEY ARE MOST UPSET ABOUT  
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BOSTON GLOBE CORRESPONDENT WILLIAM BEECHER'S PUBLISHED  
STORY OF HIS INTERVIEW AT THE INSTITUTE ON MAY 4. FRYE,  
WHO IS A GUEST OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, HAS  
BEEN TOLD BY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF THAT THE CONVERSATION  
WITH BEECHER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OFF THE RECORD, AND  
THAT PUBLICATION VIOLATED A STANDING RULE THAT INSTI-  
TUTE CONVERSATIONS WERE NOT FOR PUBLICATION. FRYE

POINTED OUT THAT NONE OF THE INSTITUTE PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE HAS TALKED ON THE MATTER CONTEST THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORT OR OF THE THINKING IT REPRESENTS, BUT HAVE SIMPLY CONDEMNED ITS PUBLICATION AS A VIOLATION OF CONFIDENCE.

2. IUSAC STAFF MEMBER KRISTIANOV TOLD EMBOFF MAY 12 THAT IT WAS NOT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ARTICLE WHICH WAS DISTURBING BUT THAT IT WAS PUBLISHED, SINCE THE INSTITUTE PEOPLE INVOLVED DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WERE GRANTING AN INTERVIEW FOR PUBLICATION. HE ADDED THAT THE AFFAIR HAS PUT SVYATOV IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION. HE TOOK PARTICULAR EXCEPTION TO THE SUGGESTION IN THE ARTICLE THAT THIS REPRESENTED OFFICIAL SOVIET GOVERNMENT THINKING WHEN IT WAS ENTIRELY SVYATOV'S PERSONAL OPINION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY INSTITUTE RULE WHICH PLACES ALL CONVERSATIONS AUTOMATICALLY OFF THE RECORD. IT MAY BE THAT SVYATOV AND COMPANY WERE CRITICIZED BY THEIR SUPERIORS FOR SPEAKING WITHOUT MAKING CLEAR THE TALK WAS OFF THE RECORD AND NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE EXCUSES.  
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